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### \*HALS MEETING MINUTES\*

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Homeless Alliance for the Lower Shore Continuum of Care Committee (HALS COC)</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Apr 10, 2025</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:00AM - 11:30AM</b>
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Sharon Creasy</b>	<b>In-person Meeting</b>	<b>521 Mack Ave Salisbury, MD 21801</b>
<b>1. Attendees:</b>			
<b>Carey Kelley</b> (Somerset DSS), <b>Ivonne Lomax</b> (WoCHD), <b>Loré Chambers</b> (Zion House), <b>Emily Moore</b> (SCHD), <b>Bridgette Gregory</b> (SCHD), <b>Ray Lockamy</b> (SCHD), <b>Jessica Pastusak</b> (SCHD), <b>Leslie Leether</b> (SCHD), <b>Amber Green</b> (Shore Legal), <b>Linda Copeland</b> (Zion House), <b>Rachel Mitchell</b> (Wor. Youth & Family), <b>Kathryn Lewis</b> (WoCHD), <b>Cristi Richardson</b> (Wic. Library), <b>Teresa Shatney</b> (TidalHealth), <b>Tory Stone</b> (Diakonia), <b>Shannon Frey</b> (SCHD), <b>Tim Gebhardt</b> (Worcester Public Schools), <b>Maggie Moore</b> (WCHD), <b>Shelly McCrae</b> (VA), <b>Sharon Creasy</b> (SCHD), <b>Denise White</b> (SHORE-UP!), <b>Erin Leffew</b> (Life Crisis), <b>Christine Chestnut</b> (City of Salisbury), <b>Leliya Lindsay</b> (Salisbury PD), <b>Gregory Bisset</b> (VA), <b>Jennifer Trager</b> (Seton Center), <b>YoVanda Brown</b> (Labor), <b>Ivy McKenzie</b> (St. James), <b>Diane Palmer</b> (Sante Group), <b>Hope King</b> (Wic.DSS), <b>Demettris Dryden</b> (SCHD), <b>Morgan Bowes</b> (SPD), <b>Jonathan Polest</b> (MPC), <b>Knita Cartwright</b> ((MYWCPS), <b>Hodge Deval</b> (Zion House)			
<b>2. Agenda/Topic/Discussion/Follow-Up:</b>			
<b>Welcome</b>	Co-chair Tori called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.		
<b>CoC Reminders</b>	Funding information is sent out regularly; if you would like to be added to the CoC distribution list, please contact Sharon Creasy: <a href="mailto:Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov">Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov</a> The majority, if not all, of organizations present follow HIPAA guidelines. At no point in time do we share consumers (clients) personal information. We can collaborate to find solutions, however we must not reveal identifying information.		
<b>Approval of November Minutes</b>	March meeting minutes was approved by Carey Kelley and seconded by Christine Chestnut		
<b>Lead4Life-Thomas Ballard</b>	Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Youth Shelter- The Bridge:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For 16-24 year old</li><li>90 day shelter</li><li>7 beds - 4 for 18 and year old (Upstairs) and 3-beds for 16-17 year old (downstairs)</li></ul></li></ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Curfew is 8:30 pm M-F and 9:30pm on Sat. &amp; Sun</li> <li>○ Kitchen is closed at 9:00 pm</li> <li>● Re-Engagement Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Internships</li> <li>○ GED Certification/Diploma</li> <li>○ Employment and Training-Resume building</li> <li>○ Free life coaches</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Adult Reentry Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ actively on parole or probation and 18 years</li> <li>○ 1:1 mentoring program designed to assist adults in gaining the needed competencies for essential life, social, and behavioral skills</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Navigation Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housing*at risk of being homelessness</li> <li>○ Works with HOPE to obtain Drivers Licence, Social Security card, and their Birth Certificates.</li> <li>○ works with ECI *Returning Citizen program</li> <li>○ Anger management</li> </ul> </li> <li>● PRP Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Life skill building opportunities</li> <li>○ Employment support</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>How to refer someone to the program: Please call 443-741-5081 or 443-359-3596 .</p>
<p><b>Agency Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Jessica Pastusak (SCHD)</b>- there is an upcoming training in Self Protection for the Home Care Providers on 04.15.2025 from 9am to 1 pm. You do not need to be in Home health care. At a recent training event we learned about the two days the homeless subcommittee stated there was a need. On Monday's the 1st baptist church-528 Booth St, Salisbury, MD 21801. Last Friday of the month: the Cathedral of Love does a hot meal at 5 pm.-423 E Church St, Salisbury, MD 21804. There is a Facebook page that is a great source of resources. The name of it is Transformation of the eastern shore Resource connect.</li> <li>● <b>Diane Palmer (Sante Group)</b>- Please see the brochures about the Mobile Crisis Team that is in the back of the room.</li> <li>● <b>Christine Chestnut (City of Salisbury)</b> update on Anne St. there are a total of 15 beds: however 2 have no electricity in them. Trying to get these fixed. Hoping to add at least one person per week until full. The program is designed for a 18 month stay The waitlist currently has 35 people on the list. Which has gone down since I started from 51.</li> <li>● <b>YoVanda Brown (Labor)</b> Job Fair on the 15th. from 10 am to 1 pm Call Cherice Johnson. : 31901 Tri-County Way, Salisbury, MD 410-341-8533 ext 1220</li> <li>● <b>Loré Chambers (Zion House)</b>- Stand Down still needs vendors they still</li> </ul>

	<p>have tables available in Cambridge and Salisbury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Amber Green</b> (Shore Legal)Expungement workshop- learn about the process of intake and the expungement process. On the 22nd there will be a listening session training on Community Justice Worker. there will be 3 total sessions Life Planning (formally known as Elderly Law), POA, and Adult Guardianship,</li> <li>● <b>Amber Green</b> (Fenix project)- This is a new training for environmental literacy and workforce development program. It empowers unaccompanied youth under 25 by providing hands-on training and certifications in the green industry while restoring local landscapes through eco-friendly lawn-to-meadow conversions.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business/ New Business</b>	<p><b>Old business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● none</li> </ul> <p><b>New business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<p>Meeting motioned to close by Tory Stone If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the agenda please reach out to our co-chairs:  Jennifer Trager: <a href="mailto:jtrager@ccwilm.org">jtrager@ccwilm.org</a>  Amber Green <a href="mailto:Amber@shorelegal.org">Amber@shorelegal.org</a>  Tory Stone: <a href="mailto:vstone@diakonia.org">vstone@diakonia.org</a></p>
<b>New Members</b>	<p>Email Sharon Creasy at <a href="mailto:Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov">Sharonr.creasy@maryland.gov</a> to be added to the CoC email group.</p>
<b>Next CoC Meeting</b>	<p><b>Thursday, May 08, 2025 @ St James AME Zion Church of Salisbury, MD @ 521 Mack Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801</b></p>